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Superintendent U.S.Mint,

Denver, Colo.

Sir:

As soon as you have accumulated approximately one hundred thousand dollars in one cent bronze pieces, please arrange for the coinage of subsidiary silver and nickels in such combinations as is best suited to your equipment.

I desire that you accumulate substantial balances in all denominations of subsidiary silver and minor coins as soon as practicable, and will thank you to advise me what denominations you will proceed with when you discontinue on bronze.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

2—6827

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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January 5, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1918 contingent appropriation in the accounts indicated:

American Express Co., transportation of Mints from Salt Lake City, Utah September 10, 1917 ---------- $1.32

The Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Railway Co., transportation of twine from Washington, D. C. Nov. 6, 1917 $11.60.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 5, 1918.

Superintendent U.S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that office during the fiscal year 1918 has been approved in the sums as follows:

Salaries,	$4,000.00
Wages of Workmen,	15,000.00
	19,000.00

No funds are advance under the contigent appropriation since Congress has not yet taken action on the deficiency estimates. Funds will be advanced under this appropriation as soon as they become available.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

Night Message.

January 9, 1918.

Superintendent Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Hearings on deficiency estimates in progress appropriation not likely to be available for several days.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

January 12, 1918.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

As accommodation please receive for temporary storage Federal Reserve notes of Denver branch of Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

Baker
Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
2—6827 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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January 15, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of November 15, 1917, regarding assay proofs:- I would thank you to connect the proofs with the assays by stating which proof was applied to each bar assayed for the Committee.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

Nite Message.

January 17, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Accept from United Metals Selling Company one hundred thousand ounces of silver at ninety-five one-half cents fine ounce.

Director of the Mint.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex., Office Director of Mint.

2—6527 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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January 19, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received from the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office, New York, relative to the transfer of Mr. D. J. McGreal from your Mint to the New York Assay Office.

I shall be glad to have you find it practicable to agree to this transfer, but shall await an expression of your wishes before taking further action.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 17, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I beg to confirm my telegram of this day and to request that you accept from the United Metal Sellings Company one hundred thousand (100,000) ounces of silver, at the rate of ninety-five and one-half (95½) cents per fine ounce, f. o. b. your institution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

JHC*JLS

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
January 22, 1918.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Continue operations. Pending deficiency bill carries provision for your contingent expenses.

Baker
Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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January 23, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have your letter of January 19th, in which you enclose a letter from the Jonothan Bartley Crucible Company, with reference to crucibles ordered by you which they say are ready for shipment but the railroad company will not accept them, and in reply I beg to advise you that a representative of the Bartley Company called at this office with reference to this shipment and he was informed that there was nothing that this Bureau could do in the matter of hurrying the shipment at this time, for the reason that no priorities whatever are being granted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-JLS

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January 23, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have your letter of January 19th, in which you ask whether it would be possible for me to purchase Doré bullion instead of fine silver for your Institution, which would obviate the necessity of using fine silver in your refinery, and in reply, I beg to state that when I authorized the Mints and Assay offices to pay the New York official price for silver, I was of the opinion that it would have the effect of attracting bullion of this character to our Institutions. I would not feel justified in paying more than the New York official price for crude bullion, which, as I understand it, is the price paid by the smelters for such bullion. In the majority of cases, when silver has been purchased for coinage purposes, I have been compelled to pay more than the New York official price for the metal, but in all cases it has been metal suitable for immediate coinage purposes.

Respectfully.

Director of the Mint.

FHC-JLS

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January 25, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 10th, with reference to your coinage operations, I beg to say that, in conference with a member of the Treasurer's office, he says that the balance of one cent bronze pieces you have on hand will be sufficient to meet the present requirements, and they are anxious that you accumulate balances in halves, dimes and nickels in order to take care of C. D's. sent to you by the various Sub-Treasuries. As the demand seems to be for halves and nickels on these C. D's., I would thank you, as soon as practicable, to discontinue the coinage of one cent bronze pieces and coin halves and nickels; then to coin dimes and nickels, as suggested in your letter. From the information gathered, $25,000 in halves and $25,000 in dimes will take care of present requirements and you can then adjust your coinage in accordance with your balance, as stated by you.

Respectfully,

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Director of the Mint.

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January 28, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 21st, transmitting proof figures: - In the case of the base assays, bars varying widely in composition, from 35 to 213 base, were connected by one proof figure, while in the case of 3 bars no proof connection was applied. I would thank you to explain these anomalies.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD-S

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

Night Message. January 29, 1918.

Superintendent Mint, San Francisco, Cal.
" " Denver, Colorado.

From and after January thirtieth please discontinue daily coinage telegram.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR ----------

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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123.

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January 29, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have your letter of January 24th, relative to the correction of the weights sent from the Assay Office at Seattle, and thank you for your assistance in this matter. It is hoped that the correction of the weights will remove any difficulty in regard to shipments to your office from the Seattle Office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-S

January 29, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In your report of gold bullion assays of the 23rd, #9 is reported at 581.7 and 581.8. I would thank you to verify these figures. Only 2.55 grams of cornets were returned. I would thank you to supply the deficiency.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

February 1, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Please accept from American Smelting and Refining Company one hundred thousand ounces of silver eighty-nine and five-eighths cents fine ounce, f. o. b. your Mint.

Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR --Cont. Expenses, Office Director of Mint.--
8—6827 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

February 2, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Please send to Washington memorandum bills of lading covering all future shipments. Memos covering shipments of gold and silver coin should be forwarded to the Division of Public Moneys, Secretary's Office, while those for all other shipments should be forwarded to the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 2, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Please advise this office at the end of each week the quantity of silver available for coinage on hand in your institution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C-S

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February 2, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you for funds to meet the expenses of your office has been approved in the following sums:-

Salaries	$ 4,000.00
Wages of Workmen	3,500.00
Increase in compensation	700.00
Total	$ 8,200.00

No funds are advanced in the contingent appropriation, and the amount requested under the wages appropriation has been reduced, owing to the fact that Congress has not yet acted upon the deficiency estimates.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-S

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES.

CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2133.

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February 6, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of Wells Fargo & Company No. TD12-1117, in amount $1,623.29, is forwarded herewith for settlement, payable from your minor coinage profits.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

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February 7, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of Wells Fargo & Company Express for transportation as indicated below has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the amount indicated:

Coinage dies from Philadelphia October 2nd and 16th, and transportation of assay shakers from San Francisco October 6th, 1917 - $12.97.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-S

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February 7, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I am returning herewith your report on silver purchased from the United Metal Sellings Company with their receipt for payment. In future, these vouchers may be retained in your files instead of being forwarded to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-S

Enclosure.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

Night message.

February 8, 1918.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Accept from American Smelting Refining Company

One Hundred thousand ounces fine silver at eighty-nine five eighths fine ounce, purchased today.

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------

2—6827 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

February 8, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I enclose eight samples of fine gold, and would thank you to have duplicate assays made on each sample, reporting the results, together with the proof figures, to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further assaying.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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February 9, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 2nd instant reagrding base proofs,- I would thank you to give some actual figures to show that the base retention offsets the cupel absorption and volatilization on bullions high in base.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 12, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I enclose a second portion of No. 9 sample reported by you on the 23rd ultimo, and would thank you to have it assayed in duplicate, and report the results to this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

FPD.

February 14, 1916.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Referring to your requisition of the 2nd instant for a General Ledger, Form 643 E, and Record of Minor Coinage Operations, Form 977, in which you suggest that a sufficient number of leaves be provided to cover a period of ten (10) years, I would state that your request can be readily granted, but it will be necessary for you to state the number of leaves required for each separate account, arranged in the proper order for each of the above records, to cover the period that you desire.

No instruction was forwarded in reference to inserted thumb tags, and if they are desired by you a duplicate list arranged in proper order should be furnished. Your attention is directed to page 18, of The Regulations, upon this subject.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 15, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

The enclosed two linen shipping tags which were forwarded with your requisition, are returned for additional information, as these tags (Nos. 6 and 7) are practically the same so far as the printing is concerned. No. 6 is 2-5/8 X 5½ inches and No. 7 is 2-7/8 X 5-¾/4 inches in size, but the latter appears to be used for shipment of minor coins.

Please explain the use for each tag and also inform me whether the No. 7 tag can be dropped, and increasing, however, the quantity of No. 6 to 10,000.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

AAH=/

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN: Night message.

Washington,

February 15, 1918.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Accept from American Smelting Refining Company hundred thousand ounces silver purchased today at eighty-nine five eighths fine ounce.

Baker

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.

FICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
ARDE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR
2—9527
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2139.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

Night Message.

February 16, 1916.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Transfer of McGreal approved effective date new oath.

Baker

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1916.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR .....

2—6537 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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Feb. 18, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing one copy of the bullion account current of the Denver Mint for the quarter ended Dec. 31, 1917, for return after amendment to include the item of prepaid silver bullion - balance at the beginning of the quarter omitted.

Schedule of payrolls and vouchers for the month of October is also enclosed, for signature of the Superintendent and return.

On November voucher No. 93 ice for the month of October is charged for at 37½¢ per cwt. instead of 35¢, the contract price, making an overpayment of $1.29.

Concerning voucher No. 110, Nov., please advise me of the capacity in which M. Herstrow signs for the American Forge Works. Please state the capacity in which Paul Brown signs for the Golden Fire Brick Co. on voucher No. 132, December.

December voucher No. 138 in favor of the Western Union Telegraph Co. carries two messages charged at other than Government rates; one from the Smith Co. of Dalton, Ga., Nov. 6, 22 words, correct charge 28¢, actual charge 85¢, the other from Milmo National Bank, Laredo, Texas, 43 words, correct charge 43¢, actual charge $1.60, date Nov. 22. The amount overcharged, $1.74, should be collected and deposited to the credit of your appropriation. It is understood that these were both day messages.

On payroll for Nov. 28-Dec. 12 Chas. L. Smith is reported as making 20 15/16 days (7 days 7½ hours overtime), but the actual payment, $59.28, is for 4 days less time; explanation is requested.

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On future payrolls will you please indicate on the margin all appointments, as well as separations and other changes and details? Also please use a first sheet instead of a follow sheet to begin the Wages payroll, per diem men; and a "first" sheet for the per annum men paid from the wages appropriation, since the period is different from that for which the per diem men's roll is prepared.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 19, 1918.

Dear Mr. Annear:

Referring to the letter of your Assayer, dated February 14th, regarding base metal proofs upon which you have asked advice:- On the 2nd your Assayer wrote you a letter which you approved and forwarded to me. In this letter occurs the following:-

> "The three samples high in base were not corrected by any proofs as we have found from experience that the base retention in button offsets the cupel absorption and volatilization in the grade of bullion referred to."

Our records show that your Assayer's treatment of the base metal assay is in accordance with this statement, and, therefore, his letter of the 14th is not consistent.

I will be glad to hear further from you.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Thomas Annear,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

February 20, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Will you please forward to the Bureau a copy of the letter in which you asked that certain checks be photographed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 26, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I enclose eight (8) samples of crude bullion and would thank you to have gold and base metal assays made in duplicate on each sample, reporting the results and returning the balance of the samples for further tests. I would thank you to return the cornets and base beads belonging to each sample in the envelope containing the sample also to give the proof figures and composition of the proofs used.

The samples are approximately 400 gold, 200 silver and 400 base, which is practically all copper.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

J.P.S.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

February 27, 1918.

Night message.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Advise you to accept Standard Oil Company's offer fuel oil at nine one half cents. Presume your contract with Continental Oil Company for ninety thousand gallons has been fulfilled.

Baker
Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2129.
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February 27, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colo,

Sir:

Bill of Wells Fargo and Company for $1,149.66, transportation of minor coins, is transmitted herewith for settlement.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Director of the Mint.

February 27, 1918.

Superintendent, Mint at Denver,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1917 and 1918 "Contingent appropriations" in the amount indicated.

Mint at Philadelphia - 12 one cent coin collars, June 29, 1917, $27.67, 1917 appropriation.
Mint at Philadelphia, 12 five cent coin collars, and 12 1/4 dollar coin collars, August 8, 9, 1917, $ 66.28, 1918 appropriation.
Mint at Philadelphia, 100 asbestos mittens Sept. 19, 1917, $118.17, 1918 appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Director of the Mint.

March 6, 1918.

To the
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of $4,000.00 under your Salaries appropriation for the fiscal year 1918 has been approved. The additional funds requested will be advanced to you after Congress has taken action on the Deficiency Bill now before it.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 6, 1918.

To
Mr. Thomas Annear,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I an enclosing herewith two copies of Treasury Department circular No. 109 of January 29, 1918. In this connection your attention is invited to the paragraph from the bottom of Page 19, Mint Regulations of 1918.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

2 Enclosures.

March 7, 1918.

To the
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith find copy of a letter, relative to ledger form, forwarded this day to the San Francisco Mint, which is self-explanatory.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

1 Enclosure.

March 7, 1918.

To the
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Referring to yours of December 5, 1917, transmitting assay results:- the gold in #6 is given as 360.4 and 361.6. I would thank you to verify these figures.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

PFD

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March 9, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I enclose eight samples of fine gold, and would thank you to have duplicate assays made on each sample, reporting the results, together with the proof figures, to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further assaying.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 11, 1918.

To the
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 5th, relative to new Liberty Bond issue, I beg to state that you would not be allowed to pay for bonds with mint money, to be reimbursed by the men, so much per month, and the bonds held by the cashier until paid for. I assure you that I appreciate your zeal and interest in this matter, but am without authority to accede to your request.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

March 14, 1918.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dental Have ready tramp Wells not later than eighteenth instant five hundred thousand fine ounces mould bad exact fine ounces and copper which will be wit me belief with curfew.

Baker

Director

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CIAL BUSINESS.
OVERNMENT RATES.
OF TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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March 14, 1918.

To the
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In response to your request of the 9th, I am enclosing a second set of crude bullion # 1-8, approximately 400 gold, 200 silver, and 400 base, practically all copper.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

1 Enclosure.

FPD

March 16, 1918.

To the
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 5th, I beg to suggest that Mr. Hall be kept on your rolls as a special guard during the present War emergency, and the Civil Service Commission will be requested to extend Mr. Hall's appointment when his present period of service has expired; the nature of his duties being explained to the Commission to justify his continued appointment under the circumstances.

I deem it inadvisable to make permanent appointments of special guards. For this reason the Civil Service Commission will be urged to allow the renewal of temporary appointments to such positions.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 16, 1918.

To the
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 5th, I beg to state that the letter enclosed, together with sketch showing the proposed alterations in the Mint building, has been forwarded to the Supervising Architect.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 18, 1918.

SUBJECT: Assays of fine gold.

Superintendent,

U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I enclose herewith eight samples of fine gold, and would thank you to have duplicate assays made on each sample, reporting the results, together with the proof figures, to this office, and returning the balance of the samples for further assaying.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD

1 Enclosure.

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March 16, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Referring to the recent sale of silver bullion for delivery to the Wells Fargo & Company Express, you are advised that the Treasurer has issued a transfer order, covering the transfer to him of the cost value of the 500,161.67 fine ounces of silver, namely, $467,199.64. The silver was sold for $1.00 per ounce, and the difference between the cost and the amount received, $32,969.03, has been covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt, - profits on the sale of silver bullion, by C/D No. 5982, dated March 16, 1918.

The question of the price received, and the fact that the silver was for export are confidential matters.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 18, 1918.

Superintendent,

U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colo.

Sir:

With reference to letter of this office of November 21st, advising of reference to the Auditor for settlement of Union Pacific Railroad Company's bill for transportation of Mr. Annear to Los Angeles and return, in August last, I beg to advise that the Auditor has settled the account under date of January 16, 1918, settlement No. 61911, in the sum of $44.20, instead of $55.50, the difference of $11.30 being disallowed.

In this connection it is noted that settlement is based by the Auditor on travel from Denver to Los Angeles only, stated on the transportation request to be the transportation furnished, instead of to Los Angeles and return.

By settlement No. 65336, dated March 16, 1918, the Auditor has settled Union Pacific Railroad Company's claim for transportation of crucibles from Trenton, New Jersey, in the sum of $405.17 instead of $412.74, in which latter sum the account was approved and referred to the Auditor, as per letter of advice to you, dated December 4, 1917. The difference of $7.57 has been disallowed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 19, 1918.

Superintendent,

U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Bill of the Pullman Company, for accomodations furnished Mr. Ammear on trip to San Francisco and return, in September last, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1918 contingent appropriation, in the sum of $18.00.

Respectfully,

M. McReily

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 20, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Upon receipt of your letter of the 14th instant inquiry was made at the office of the Chief Clerk to whose office your request for photographs of checks had been sent by the Bureau, in accordance with the requirements of the Department in such cases, and I have today been informed that the letter has been misplaced. I am sorry to bother you about this letter again, but if you will have a copy sent in duplicate I will see that no further delay ensues in the matter of having photographs of the checks you desire.

A copy of your letter of the 14th instant, referring to deposits believed to have reached Philadelphia, of which you are suspicious, has been sent to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for report and return to this Bureau. The information will be transmitted to you immediately upon its receipt.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. McReelly
Acting Director.

March 22, 1918.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1918 contingent appropriation:

Union Pacific Railroad Company, porcelain tanks from San Francisco, in November last - - $ 9.81.

Union Pacific Railroad Company, charcoal from San Francisco, in January last - - - - - 105.10.

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company, twine from Washington in Dec. last - 1.60.

American Express Company, one voltmeter from Denver to Newark, New Jersey, in September last- .99.

Wells Fargo & Company Express, coinage dies from Philadelphia, Nov. 7, 9, and 28, 1917,---- 6.54.

Wells Fargo & Company, Express, coinage dies from Philadelphia, October 26 and Nov. 2, 1917 - 3.13.

Wells Fargo & Company, Express, coinage dies from Philadelphia, December 4 and 5, 1917, - - - 3.30.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 23, 1918.

Dear Mr. Annear:

I am planning to have the annual settlements of the mints begin as early as practicable in June of this year. For duty in connection with the Mint at Philadelphia and New York I would like your assistance in sparing your chief clerk again this year to be chairman of the committee at Philadelphia, and your bookkeeper, Mr. Denckla to be a member of the committee at New York.

I have asked Mr. Shanahan to spare his chief clerk for the chairmanship of the committee at New York. If I can have the assistance of the men named the work of the settlements will be expedited, and the institutions benefited mutually by the interchange of members of our service. I have considered placing Mr. Coleman, the superintendent of the melting and refining department of the Philadelphia Mint, in charge at your Mint, and feel sure he will be an efficient officer for that assignment.

Mr. Leech's experience as a settlement officer equips him for the work of training others, and Mr. Denckla has not for some years had the benefit of interchange of opinions with the other bookkeepers of the mints. I will appreciate very much your cooperation in letting me have the two men named, and will be glad to hear from you at your early convenience in regard to the matter.

With personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Thomas Annear, Superintendent,
U.S.Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

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March 26, 1918.

Hon. Thomas Annear,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Annear:

In reply to your letter of the 22nd inst., I beg to advise that you are not expected to pay the $11.30 disallowed by the Auditor on bill of Union Pacific Railroad Company, covering transportation to San Francisco and return last fall.

The Auditor's office advises that the original transportation request, upon which same was based, called for one-way trip to Los Angeles, although the duplicate on file in this office calls for transportation to Los Angeles and return.

If the Railroad Company is eventually paid the difference which has been disallowed, your appropriation will be charged with same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 27, 1918.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I beg to advise that requisition has this day been forwarded for printing general ledger for use in your institution, with request for its delivery by the middle of June.

As per memo of your book-keeper, dated March 20th, transfer account has been included; also the fine ounce column in certificate and commercial bar account. No sheets are included for an un-paid depositors' account as the credit balance in depositors' and vendors' account provides this information.

A stock columnar book is being forwarded under separate cover, for use, if it will meet your requirements until a new daily ledger, form 526 E, is ordered, to carry the daily balance of minor coinage metal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 29, 1918.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 21st inst., I am enclosing herewith copies of the proposals accompanying voucher No. 268, for the fiscal year 1917, and voucher No. 6, for the fiscal year 1918, of the Denver Fire Clay Company.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

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March 29, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The Deficiency Act, signed on the 28th instant, provides the following amounts for your Mint:-

Wages of Workmen ----------$48,000
Contingent Expenses -----$ 55,000

Will you please prepare immediately to so operate your Mint for the balance of the fiscal year as to consume this amount, in order that we may accumulate as large a stock of coin of all denominations as possible with the appropriations at our disposal. By utilizing the deficiency fund fully, I hope to be able to keep within the regular appropriations for the fiscal year ending June, 1919, and to ask for no deficiency for the coming year.

If it is necessary, in order to have the full benefit of the deficiency appropriation, that you shall employ additional temporary help, and also, increase the overtime, please proceed to do so immediately. The larger the stock of coin we can accumulate from now until the end of June, the less strain we will be under in the fall when the heavy demand for coins is resumed.

In order that you may continue in full operation as late in the fiscal year as possible, I have determined to postpone the annual settlement until late in June, and to continue the coining department until the latest possible date in June. You will know best how to anticipate the settlement by earlier preparations in the refinery.

In an earlier letter I told you that I had tentatively planned to have Mr. Coleman of the Philadelphia Mint made chairman of your settlement; I have now about concluded to place Mr. Clark, the Coiner of the Philadelphia Mint, in charge at Denver, and feel sure that will be agreeable to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 29, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Referring to telegraphic instructions regarding the preparation of 1,000,000 ounces of silver for export, I beg to say that for the present you will not be drawn upon for more than the amount already sent by you to San Francisco. Consequently, the 499,915.67 fine ounces referred to in your letter of the 23rd instant need not be held, but returned to your regular stock.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 30, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1918 has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 4,000
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - - -	30,000
Contingent Expenses - - - - - -	25,000
Increased Compensation - - - - -	1,500
	$60,500

Advice by wire of this credit with the Treasurer has been requested.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 30, 1918.

SUBJECT: Assays of fine gold.

Superintendent,

United States Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I enclose eight samples of fine gold, and would thank you to have duplicate assays made on each sample, reporting the results, together with the proof figures, to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further assaying.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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1 Enclosure.

April 2, 1918.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 27th, concerning Mr. James E. Hall, whose designation you wish changed from Skilled Workman to Special Guard.

I have taken pleasure in approving and forwarding to the Secretary of the Treasury for favorable action your letter in behalf of Mr. Hall.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 2, 1918.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Annear:

I have your letters of March 28th and March 29th, relative to settlement offices, and beg to express to you my appreciation of your willingness to spare your officers to assist me.

I wrote you Saturday that I had concluded to assign Mr. Clark, Superintendent of the Coining department of the mint at Philadelphia, to the position of chairman of your Settlement Committee, and trust the same will be agreeable to you.

I take great pleasure in assuring you that I will be glad to have the services of Mr. Wells as chairman of the Settlement Committee at San Francisco.

I will advise the Superintendent of the mint at Philadelphia and the Superintendent of the New York Assay office that you have agreed to let us have the services of your chief clerk and bookkeeper for their settlements.

The settlement in the mint at Philadelphia has to begin in the very last week in June or the first week in July. The settlement in Philadelphia has been postponed to this late date in order to allow Mr. Joyce to get the full benefit of his Deficiency appropriation.

I hope that it will be possible for you to keep your coining department in operation well into June, in order that you may accumulate as much coin as possible before the close of the fiscal year, in anticipation of the heavy demand in the fall.

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Mr. Annear,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

I will be glad to have any suggestion from you as to the latest date possible in the month of June for your settlement.

Again assuring you of my appreciation of your generous co-operation, I am,

With personal regards,

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

April 2, 1918.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Please forward to the Bureau, at your convenience, a specimen of the one and five cent pieces issued by your mint during the current calendar year.

I am enclosing six cents, covering the value of these pieces.

Please forward them by regular mail.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

April 4, 1918.

Superintendent,

United States Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your attention is invited to Section 8 of the Deficiency Appropriation Act, approved October 6, 1917, which has just come to notice:

> " That in determining the right of employees to increased compensation as heretofore authorized by law at rates of five and ten per centum per annum for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and eighteen, such employees as are employed on piecework, by the hour, or at per diem rates, shall be entitled to receive, from July first, nineteen hundred and seventeen, to June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, inclusive, the increased compensation at the rate of ten per centum when the fixed rate of compensation for the regular working hours and on the basis of three hundred and twelve days in said year would amount to less than $1,200., and at the rate of five per centum when not less than $1,200. and not more than $1,800: Provided, That this method of computation shall not apply to any per diem employees regularly paid a per diem for every day in the year. "

The effect of the above is to permit payment from the Increased Compensation appropriation of 5% over the normal compensation of those employees who have been paid at the rate of between $5.00 per diem and $5.76 per

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Superintendent,
U. S. Mint, Denver.

diem, and of an additional 5% to those employees who have been paid at the rate of between $3.33 per diem and $3.84 per diem.

It is suggested that a special payroll be prepared covering the period from July 1, 1917 to the period of the current payroll.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN:

Night message.

Washington,

April 5, 1918.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Accept from American Smelting Refining Company hundred thousand ounces silver purchased today ninety-six one half.

Director.

Cent. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.

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EASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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April 8, 1918.

Hon. Thomas Annear,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colo.

Dear Mr. Annear:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 4th, relative to the date of settlement at your mint.

I will be glad to direct that the settlement shall begin on about the 10th of June, if you find that it will be practicable to continue coinage operations until later in the month. You will be advised more definitely as to the dates of the settlements in the other institutions as soon as practicable.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 8, 1918.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of April 1st, giving a list of names of temporary employees whose appointments you wish extended for not to exceed ninety days, I have to request that you include with the names the designation and rate of compensation to be paid, and also have District Secretary's certificate attached to the letter, as the Secretary's office will not act upon this letter until the certificate is attached. As soon as this information is returned by you, I will take the necessary steps to hasten the approval of these appointments.

A copy of your letter is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 8, 1918.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I enclose 10.8 ounces of gold and 3.6 ounces of silver to replace the gold and silver in the samples of bullion delivered to the Bureau Assayer at the last annual settlement at Denver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

1 Enclosure.

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April 10, 1918.

Hon. Thomas Annear,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mr. Annear:

Replying to your letter of March 27th, relative to criticisms of the coins returned after inspection by the Assayer of the Bureau, I would suggest that when these coins are received you use your own judgment as to whether the coins should be called to the attention of your coiner. I do not deem it advisable to entirely discontinue the criticism of coins. I am, however, anxious to avoid hypercritical comment, and will have to ask that you accept the criticisms, bearing in mind the spirit of zeal which prompts them. Please do not feel called upon, in all cases, to refer the matter to your coiner, unless you feel that the criticism is justifiable.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 11, 1918.

Hon. Thomas Annear,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have your letter of April 7th, and note that it will be inconvenient for Mr. Leech to be present at Philadelphia as Chairman of the Settlement Committee. I appreciate Mr. Leech's reasons for wishing to be in Denver during the month of July, and know that he would be an especially good officer and serve very willingly otherwise. I have concluded to designate Mr. L. Magruder, Assayer in Charge of the Mint at New Orleans as Chairman of the Philadelphia Settlement in Mr. Leech's place.

Thanking you for advising us so promptly of this matter, I am,

With personal regards,

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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April 12, 1918.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Please forward at your early convenience statement showing by months and by denominations the issues of subsidiary and minor coin (value only) from January 1, 1917 to March 31, 1918. Please, also, indicate for each denomination the periods during which the orders on hand exceeded the supply.

The purpose is to obtain information that will show the approximate demand for the different denominations of coins during the period mentioned.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 12, 1918.

Superintendent,

United States Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current Contingent Appropriation in the amounts indicated:

Wells Fargo and Company Express, transportation of coin collars from Philadelphia on December 11, 1917, and coinage dies from Philadelphia, December 11, 1917, - - - - - $13.78.

Wells Fargo and Company Express, transportation of coinage dies from Philadelphia, Jan. 23 and 25, 1918, - - - 3.03.

Wells Fargo and Company Express, transportation of coinage dies from Philadelphia, Jan. 7,9,16,19 & 22, 1918,- - 10.43.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 17, 1918.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith copy of letter received from M. D. & H. L. Smith Company relative to coin bags, for your information and file. Please advise the Bureau if we can be of further assistance to you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure:

Copy of letter
referred to above.

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April 17, 1918.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith I am returning Schedule of Revenues for that institution for the month of March, with the request that it be amended to include profits on sale of silver bullion.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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April 18, 1918.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the Chicago, Burlington, & Quincy Railroad Company for transportation of minting machinery from Philadelphia December 27, 1917 has been forwarded to Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current Contingent Appropriation in the sum of $422.93.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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April 22, 1918.

Superintendent,

United States Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Will you please take the necessary steps to enter into agreement with dealers to furnish your institution with supplies that will be necessary for the coming fiscal year, entering into contracts for such commodities as you find to the interest of the Government to cover by contract? I would suggest that, as soon as you are sure of the condition of your Contingent fund, you make such purchases of equipment as the amount of your appropriation will permit. It will not be necessary to invite proposals by advertising. Circular letters, addressed to dealers will, I believe, answer the purpose.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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April 23, 1913.

Superintendent,

United States Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Please accept from the American Smelting and Refining Company one hundred thousand ounces silver purchased this day for delivery to your mint at one dollar.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 30, 1918.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 25th, relative to adjustment you suggest in your appropriation I regret to advise you that the bill is now in such shape before Congress that it would be impossible for me to undertake to have the appropriation of $1200. for one clerk transferred to your Wage appropriation.

Regretting that I am unable to comply with your wishes in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN:

Washington,

May 2, 1918.

Day Message.

rintendent,
ted States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

BUREAU OF MINES INTERIOR DEPARTMENT ISSUED ON APRIL THIRD BLANKET
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IFIED PHOTOGRAPHIC COPY BEING FORWARDED YOU.

Baker,
Director.

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REASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Expense Mint Bur. 1918.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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May 4, 1918.

Superintendent,

United States Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1918, in sums as follow;

Salaries of Officers and Clerks, - - - -	$ 2,000.
Wages of Workmen, - - - - - - - - - - - -	18,000.
Contingent Expenses, - - - - - - - - - -	20,000.
Increased Compensation allowed - - - - -	700.
Total - -	$ 40,700.

Please note that the amount advanced under your "Wages" appropriation exhausts the entire amount available through Congressional appropriation for the payment of wages during the current fiscal year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 6, 1918.

Dear Mr. Annear;

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 29th, enclosing a list of the subscriptions by the employees of your institution in the 3rd Liberty Loan Campaign.

I have taken much pleasure in submitting your letter to the attention of the authorities in Washington, and beg to request you to express to the force of your institution my personal appreciation of their generous response to the call of the Government in this case, as in that of former sales of Liberty Loan Bonds.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Thomas Annear, Supt.,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

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May 6, 1918.

Dear Mr. Annear:

It has been decided to begin the settlements at each of the institutions on June 17th.

Will you please advise Mr. Denckla of his selection as a member of the New York committee, and deliver to him the enclosed travel orders. Please call his attention to the necessity of filling out the form for exemption from war tax extended to tickets used on Government account.

There are also enclosed requests for transportation orders for Mr. Wells in connection with his journey to San Francisco to act as chairman of that committee.

Mr. Wells' letter of instructions in regard to the details of the settlement will be forwarded later.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Thomas Annear,
Superintendent, U.S.Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

May 7, 1918.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding for payment from your Minor Coinage metal fund, bill of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company for transportation of copper from Tacoma January 4, 1918. It is understood that this copper is to be used in the manufacture of minor coin. If such was the case, directions should have been given for billing against the Denver Mint instead of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

1 Enclosure.

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May 8, 1918.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding for payment from your Profits on Minor Coinage, bills of Wells Fargo Express Company for transportation of minor coin, in the following sums: $175.00, -- $650.00, -- $747.15, and $1487.09.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

4 Enclosures.

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May 10, 1918.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 6th, relative to storage vault compartment No. 17, I beg to say that instructions will be given the Settlement Committee to examine the seal and, finding it intact, to break same and add to contents of compartment as you suggest.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 10, 1918.

Superintendent,

United States Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 6th, the Secretary's office has been requested to issue transfer orders covering 5,000 dollars in one cent pieces you have already in kegs.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 10, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

In your report of fine gold assays of March 16th, No. 12 is given as 999.5 and .5, and No. 13 as 999.7 and .6.

I would thank you to verify these figures.

Respectfully,

M. McReily
Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 15, 1918.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Package containing the assay reports of your institution for the month of April has just been received in very bad condition. The vouchers were enclosed in a large envelope without being tightly wrapped therein, which resulted in the envelope being badly torn.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 23, 1918.

SUBJECT: Assays of fine gold.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith 12 samples of fine gold, and would thank you to have duplicate assays made on each sample, reporting the results, together with the proof figures, to this office and returning the balance of the sample for further assaying.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

1 Enclosure.

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May 27, 1918.

Superintendent,

United States Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In yours of the 20th, transmitting assay results, #29 is given as 999.8 and 999.8. I would thank you to verify these figures.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD

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May 27, 1918.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing bill of the C. B. & Q. Railroad Company for transportation of copper from Tacoma April 10, 1918, amounting to $250.75.

There is nothing to indicate the purposes for which this copper is to be used and it is therefore assumed that it is for minor coinage, in which case the charges are payable from the Minor Coinage Metal Fund.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

1 Encl.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

May 28, 1918.

Night Letter.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Accept from American Smelting & Refining Company two hundred thousand ounces silver purchased this day for delivery your mint one dollar fine ounce.

Baker,
Director.

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E TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

May 28, 1918.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current "Contingent" appropriation in amounts indicated:

Wells Fargo & Company Express, coinage dies from Phila. October 31, 1917, Feb. 1 & 4, 1918, - - $ 4.38.

Wells Fargo & Company Express, transportation from Phila. of coinage dies Feb. 8 & 11, 1918 and coinage collars Feb. 18, 1918, - - - - - - - - 3.38.

Total, - - - - $ 7.76

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 28, 1918.

Superintendent,

United States Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company in the sum of $250.82 for transportation of copper from Tacoma February 2, 1918. It is assumed that this copper is for use in manufacturing minor coin, in which case the charges are payable from your Minor Coinage metal fund.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 28, 1918.

SUBJECT: Assays of fine gold.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I enclose eight samples of fine gold, and would thank you to have duplicate assays made on each sample, reporting the results, together with the proof figures, to this office, and returning the balance of the samples for further assaying.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD
1 Enclosure.

May 29, 1918.

Superintendent,

United States Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In addition to your generous offering made to Mrs. McAdoo's Red Cross fund for the Treasury Department, I have received the list of those who have subscribed to the National fund of the Red Cross.

Please allow me to again express my appreciation of the loyalty of the employees of the Denver Mint in their response to all appeals made to them.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 29, 1918.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I enclose all that is left of three samples of fine gold and would thank you to have a single assay for gold made on each sample and impart the results to this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

1 Enclosure.

June 4, 1918

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that office during the fiscal year 1918 has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,600.00
Contingent Expenses - - -	8,500.00
Increase of Compensation -	200.00
Total - - -	10,300.00

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 20, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I am returning herewith duplicate and triplicate of the contract with the Denver Gas & Electric Light Company, covering current to be supplied during the fiscal year 1919, the original having been approved by the Secretary and filed with the Auditor for the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 24, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir;

The annual report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1918 will soon be in course of preparation and I beg to request that, in addition to the usual statistical matter, you forward a short, live article covering any outstanding features of the fiscal year's operations. If any adopted improvements or new features are of general or service interest, would be pleased to receive detailed description of same.

The Secretary of the Treasury requires information as to our operations shortly after the close of the year, and your report should be forwarded, in duplicate, at the earliest practicable date in July. If part of the data cannot be obtained promptly, do not delay forwarding the remainder.

It is desired that the statistical data furnished for each subject be, so far as practicable, uniform for each institution, and I am therefore enclosing blanks in some instances and referring specifically to parts of the annual report for the year 1917 with request that your data for 1918 be prepared to accord therewith, so far as pertinent.

Blanks illustrative of what is desired are enclosed for -

Bars manufactured.
Refinery operations.
Assay Dept. operations.
Fineness of coinage ingots, etc.
Coinage ingot melts made.
Sweeps cellar operations.

The following data will be obtained from regular forms -

Coinage executed.
Recoinage data.
Balance of bullion on hand June 30th, etc., from balance sheet;
M. & R. and Coining Dept. operations from forms 900 and 901; quantity of bullion operated upon to be stated as that placed in processes and not to include that merely received and placed in vaults.

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For indication of data desired under the following heads please refer to the 1917 annual report -

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Gold bars issued	15
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Life of coinage dies	155

Monthly, quarterly and annual forms from which report material is obtained, such as deposits and purchases of gold and silver, form 61; balance sheet; uncurrent coin statements; forms 900 and 901, etc., should be forwarded promptly.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 28, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Bill as below has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1918 "Contingent Appropriation" in the amount indicated.

Chicago Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company-
Transportation of steel from Pitsburgh, Pa.
February 6, 1918. $3.36

Respectfully,

M. McReelds

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 2, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that office during the fiscal year 1919 has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - -	$6,000.00
Wages of Workmen - - - - - -	11,000.00
Contingent Expenses - - - -	8,000.00
Increase of Compensation	1,000.00
Total -- ----------	26,000.00

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 8, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill as below has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1918 contingent appropriation in the amount indicated:

The Chicago Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company - Transportation of stationery, ink and blotting paper from Washington, D. C. May 17, 1918 $9.66.

Respectfully,

N. McRoberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 9, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant concerning the marking of individual certificate bars embraced in melts which, usually, are kept together and so weighed, will state that I do not recall nor find any record of a change in the Regulations authorizing discontinuance of the stamping of weight and value on same.

Such bars may be required for issue or shipment at any time, and while the other marks may serve all purposes while the melts are kept intact, when they become segregated the weight would be of much use.

Am informed that the New York Assay Office stamps each bar with its weight and know of no authorization for any of the offices to discontinue it.

Respectfully,

M. McReady

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 13, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
at Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 9th, regarding special assay coins:- If you will consult the letter of the Bureau Assayer of May 6, 1916, a copy of which was sent you, you will find that under present conditions "there is absolutely no relation between the reported fineness of a melt of silver ingots and the reported fineness of individual coins made from that melt" and "There may be a difference of three in the reported fineness of coins from the same melt."

Two tests were made in this coin of yours and as it was only a dime, these used up practically all of the coin. On the other end of the line a Philadelphia coin has showed 902.8 fine and a recent San Francisco coin showed 903 fine.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 15, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the auditor for settlement, chargable to your 1918 Contingent Appropriation in the amounts indicated.

American Express Co.----Electrical instruments from Newark, New Jersey June 5, 1918---$7.17.

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific R. R. Co.---Envelopes from Richmond, Va. May 28, 1918---$1.86.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F/RL

July 17, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

With reference to verbal suggestion to Mr. Hassan, concerning a special form for stores requisition, I beg to state that upon investigation we find that our records do not show that your office has been supplied with form #987, which is a stock form intended to serve this purpose. Am therefore enclosing samples of this form with the request that consideration be given to their use, instead of the special proposed form.

It is not desired to unduly increase the number of forms, but if this stock form will not serve your purpose, kindly give reasons in full and the matter of providing a special form will be taken under consideration.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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F/RL

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July 25, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith money order for $1.35 in payment for extra coins sent with spedial assay coins, as represented by enclosed slips.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1918.

uperintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

ir:-

The following items are brought to attention pertaining to deposits and purchases of gold and silver during e fiscal year 1918 as reported on form #61, with request at further information concerning same be furnished.

On report for the September 1917 quarter under the ading "redeposits (transfers)" considerable quantities are rried on the line "refined bars." It is assumed that ese are unrefined bars, they doubtless being the bullion ceived from Minor Assay Offices. On the same report der the heading Private Refinery Product the quantity of lver is reported on the line opposite Raritan Copper rks but this name is bracketed with United Metals Selling Co. If the silver in question was received from both mpanies the quantity received from each should be stated.

On the reports for the December and June quarters nder the heading of Private Refinery Product, are carried tems as having been received from Handy & Harman and mmerman & Forshay. These firms do not operate refineries t are merely dealers in bullion, and the material received rom them should be classified either as domestic or foreign llion; if domestic, the material was doubtless received rom one of the private refineries and in such case should e credited to the proper refinery. Please obtain and forard the necessary information concerning these items.

On the report for the December quarter there is also n item of 519.75 ounces silver credited to the American melting & Refining Co., without indication of the particular plant from which received. Kindly inform me which lant produced this, if possible.

On the report for the June quarter under the heading redeposits (purchases)" is carried considerable quantities f bullion which it is presumed should be carried under the eading "redeposits (transfers)" as unrefined bars. It is elieved that this is bullion received from the Minor Assay ffices.

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On the same report there is carried an item of 7618.66 ounces silver under the heading "redeposits (transfers)" on the line opposite "refined bars"; comparison with the abstract of deposits for the June quarter indicates that this item is not a transfer but a regular deposit. Further explanation concerning same is requested.

The report for the June quarter also carries under the heading Private Refinery Products a quantity of silver as having been received from U.S.R. & S. Co. It is not known what these initials stand for and owing to the large number of mining, smelting, and refining companies it is preferred that names used in this connection be written out in full. It is noted that this is carried as a subheading under the American S. &. R. Co. Is this firm a subsidiary of the American Smelting & Refining Company.

Respectfully,

N. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F/RL

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July 29, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of the Wells Fargo & Company Express, for transportation of 1¢ pieces from Denver to St. Louis, in June last.

This bill is payable from the profits on minor coinage, in the sum of $150.00.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F/RL

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July 30, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I beg to advise you that the following contracts for furnishing your institution with supplies for the fiscal year 1919, have been approved and the contracts forwarded to the Auditor for the Treasury.

The Western Iron Foundry Co.
The Western Chemical Manufacturing Co.
The Colorado Ice & Cold Storage Co.
The Weicker Transfer & Storage Co.
Adam Ross.
The Denver Towel & Supply Co.

Respectfully,

R. W. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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July 31, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1918 Contingent Appropriation, in the amounts indicated.

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R.Co. transportation of iron pipes and fittings from Dayton, Ohio, May 23, 1918 - $5.21.

Wells Fargo & Co. Express - transportation of coinage dies from Philadelphia, April 11, 1918 - coinage collars from Philadelphia, April 15, 1918, and switch board instruments from Philadelphia, April 16, 1918 - $25.51.

Wells Fargo & Co. Express - transportation of coinage dies from Philadelphia Feb. 27, and April 1, 1918 - $4.40.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F/RL

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August 3, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your reply of July 30th, to letter of this office of July 27th, requesting information concerning items reported in form 61 for the fiscal year 1918, is at hand.

Please obtain from Handy & Harman and Zimmerman & Forshay, and forward to this office, information as to the refineries which produced the metal credited to these firms on the forms in question, for the fiscal year 1918. This information was requested in letter of July 27th.

Please note that the information needed under the heading "Private Refinery Product" is the name of the producing company rather than the name of the company from which the metal was purchased.

The United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Co. is not a subsidiary of the American Smelting & Refining Co. but is an independent firm with general offices in Boston. The general offices of the American Smelting & Refining Co. are at 120 Broadway, New York City, while the United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Co. maintain only a selling office in New York.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F/RL

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August 6, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

You are advised that for the fiscal year 1919, Congress has directed the deduction of the sum of $300.00 from your Contingent Appropriation for the purchase of stationery etc.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F/RL

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Aug. 6, 1918.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Co., for transportation of stationery from Washington to your institution May 24, 1918, has been forwarded to the auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1918 Contingent Appropriation in the sum of $1.99.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F/RL

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Aug. 5, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows.

Salaries, Mint at Denver 1919, $4,000

Wages of Workmen, Mint at Denver 1919 $7,500

Contingent Expense Mint at Denver 1919 $12,000

Increased Compensation, Treasury Department 1919 $1,500

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F/RL

Aug. 7, 1918.

Hon. Thomas Annear,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Annear:

In acknowledging your letter of August 2nd, relative to the work of the Settlement Committee at your Mint for the fiscal year 1918, I take pleasure in advising you that I have forwarded a copy of your letter to Mr. F. H. Chaffin, and Hon. Edward Ryan, Assayer in Charge at the Mint at Carson.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

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Aug. 7, 1918.

Dear Mr. Annear:

Replying to your letter of August 2nd, I regret that my plans for returning home from the west were somewhat altered at the last moment which prevented me from paying a visit to the Denver Mint. I had counted upon this pleasure and regret that circumstances did not permit me to carry out the original intention of returning home by way of Denver.

With personal regards and best wishes,

I am

Director of the Mint.

Mr. Thomas Annear,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

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Aug. 7, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 2nd, I beg to advise you that it will be entirely satisfactory for you to obtain from the Mint at Philadelphia, prices of the three presses you hope to be able to purchase this year, from Contingent Appropriations.

Please forward the letters to the Mint at Philadelphia, through this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 14, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Annear:

Since my return to Washington, I have gone carefully over the reports of the different settlement committees covering the operations of the coinage mints and the New York Assay Office, for the fiscal year 1918.

I am somewhat concerned about the melter and refiner's loss of gold in the operations for the year. While this amount (201.697) is within the legal allowance it is, however, higher than I wish it might have been, and I am anxious to go further into the source of this loss than I am carried by the report of the settlement committee. The committee attached to its report a letter from the assayer of your Mint, copy of which is enclosed.

In this letter the assayer attributes the loss first to volatilization. As I understand the processes, there are in the refinery three principal steps of melting: First, deposits are melted into mass melts or silver anodes; second, gold from silver cells or from vault, (if fine enough) is melted into gold anodes: and third from gold cells into fine gold.

The report of the Superintendent of the Melting and Refining department shows after the first melting operation i.e. into silver anodes, a gain of 201.697 ounces. These anodes were then treated in silver or gold cells and most of the base or volatile metals removed before melting the second time. The loss now in melting should be far less in as much as the gold has reached a higher state of fineness. The loss in the third operation should be negligble, being gold of a high degrees of fineness, 999.6 or better.

The surplus of 201.697 ozs. as shown after the first melting operation, would appear to be ample to

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cover the small losses that might occur in the other two melting operations.

The second reason for the loss given by the assayer is "platinum paid for as gold". He states in his letter that he has changed from the wet method of silver assaying to the fire method.

I understand that in using this method any platinum in deposits would be reported as silver and not as gold, whereas if he used the wet method of determining silver it would be reported neither as gold nor silver. I am of the opinion that the wet method for determining silver is used at the mints at San Francisco and Philadelphia, and the New York Assay Office, and this method is used for the very purpose of eliminating the possibility of reporting platinum as silver. I believe the same method of determining gold is uniform throughout the mint service and if platinum were reported as gold the same would be true at San Francisco, as well as at New York. The result would be that the gold losses in the refinery at San Francisco and that of the refinery at New York, would be far in excess of those which actually occurred. I therefore am of the opihion that both of these reasons given in explanation for the loss can be eliminated in attempting to solve the problem.

I understand that the practise of the refinery of your mint is to make silver nitrate from silver and gold slimes which are recovered from the bottom of the silver cells. At the time of the Superintendent's Convention 1918, I believe recommendations were made to the Superintendent of the Melting and Refining Department of your Mint and the foreman of your refinery to use anode bags to prevent gold from falling into slimes or if they would not use the anode bags to refrain from dissolving these slimes in nitric acid without first melting. This recommendation was incorporated in the report of the Superintendent and is as follows:

"In the refinery operations in both San Francisco and Denver, recommedmations were made for the use of a muslin bag in which the silver anodes could be enclosed. This would result in an increased efficiency in the output of silver at San Francisco where it is unnecessary to use

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the silver dropping to the bottom of the cell for making nitrate and at Denver would give a pure silver product which would be used for making silver nitrate if necessary and would eliminate any danger of getting gold into the nitrate solution which is possible from the nature of the gold which drops from the anode into the silver at the bottom of the cell and might possibly be carried through the operations to the sewer. This, we believe, would not only increase the efficiency of the silver output but would be a saving of value to the Government."

I have learned from the Superintendent of the Melting and Refining Department at San Francisco, that he has adopted the use of anode bags in the silver cells with successful results, both as to increase in fine silver output and satisfactory settlement of gold. I am not sure you have adopted this system. It may be that you are still working along the lines in operation during the time previous to the conference of Superintendents. If for some reason the melter and refiner does not wish to adopt the anode bag system, he should refrain from making silver nitrate from silver slimes containing scraps of gold from the anodes, part of which is soluable in nitric acid, thereby taking great chances of losing gold.

I will be obliged if you will take this matter up with the melter and refiner and the superintendent of your refinery and let me have the benefit of your judgment and experience in finding a way to reduce the losses in your gold operations.

An early reply from you will be very much appreciated by me.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

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Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I am returning herewith your letter of August 13th recommending the change in designation of Mr. French, with the request that this letter be forwarded to the Bureau in triplicate.

I would not trouble you with this small matter where it not that we are required by the regulations to forward to the Secretary's Office your original letter and a duplicate of your letter. The third copy is retained in this Bureau for our files. This procedure is followed in all cases affecting the personal of every one of our institutions.

I am offering this explanation to make it clear to you that it is necessary for us to have these letters in triplicate each time you send a recommendation affecting the personal of your institution.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O/L

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August 17, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 7th, I beg to advise you that deposits of platinum received at your institution may be forwarded to the United States Assay Office at New York, as they are received, unless in your judgment the deposits are so insignificant as to warrant you in holding them until you have an accumulation of several to make a mail package.

The value of the metals as determined by the New York Assay Office, will be paid by check to the depositor. The charges collected by the New York Assay Office, will be deposited by that office in the Treasury.

The amount paid by you for postage will be recorded by the New York Office and you will be re-imbursed for the amount you expend in that respect. Postage is to be added to the charges which are to be deducted by the New York Office for treating the deposits.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

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August 19, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of August 2nd, I am enclosing a copy of the report of the Settlement Committee of 1918.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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O-L

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August 23, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your 1918 Contingent Appropriation in the sums indicated.

Wells Fargo & Co. Express, transportation of 3 shunts to the Western Electrical Instrument Co. Newark, New Jersey, April 17, 1918, $5.32.

Wells Fargo & Co. Express, transportation of coinage dies from Philadelphia, May 3, 4, 7 and 20, 1918-- $11.66.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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August 23, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your report of operations for the fiscal year 1918 does not give the value of gold bars paid to depositors separately by months, although the total is given for the year. Please let me have the amounts by months. See page 15 of the 1917 Annual Report of the Director of the Mint.

Can you also give me the avoirdupois weight of sweeps material treated during the year. Only the quantities of gold and silver contained in the sweeps were stated in the report.

The expenses of operating the refinery, for other than personal services, were not stated in your report. Is it not practicable under present methods to state such costs?

Bullion gains during the fiscal year were not given in your report--see page 21 of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the year 1917.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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August 27, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir;

I am enclosing a letter received from the Assayer in Charge of the Mint at New Orleans, in regard to coining presses. The Assayer in Charge of the Mint at New Orleans states that the Foreman of the press room in the Denver Mint is familiar with these presses.

Will you please confer with that officer and advise me of your judgment as to the advisability of having one or both of the presses described forwarded to your mint.

The cost to the Denver Mint would be limited to the cost of the dismanteling, shipping and reassembling press or presses. I will be glad to hear from you at your early convenience.

Please return the enclosed letter.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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August 27, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 21st, relative to special assay coins, will you please advise the Bureau of the number of the delivery on Feb. 26, 1918, of the special assay coins which you say were not returned to the Mint. This information is requested in order to enable the Bureau to trace the matter.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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August 29, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith duplicate and triplicate contract with the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company, for telephone services at your Mint, which has been duly approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The original has been forwarded to the Auditor for file.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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August 29, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia advises the Bureau that a verbal inquiry has been made by you as to the cost of manufacturing automatic feed hoppers for upsetting machines and states that these appliances can be built at the Philadelphia Mint for $170 each or three for $500, delivery in about 30 days after the order has been received. The Superintendent further states that the machines will handle dimes, nickels and cents at the rate of 750 per minute and that he has all the necessary drawings and patterns for their manufacture.

Please advise this Bureau if you desire to have the Philadelphia Mint proceed with the manufacturing of these applicance for you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 4, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that office during the fiscal year 1919 has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$4, 000.00
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - - - - - - -	9,000.00
Contingent Expenses - - - - - - - - - -	2,000.00
Increase of Compensation - - - - - - -	1,000.00
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$16,000.00

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 4, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your Mint to that of the Mint at San Francisco of the sum of $500,000 payable in double eagles to be sent from your Mint by Express.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 4, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 31st instant regarding assay coins from delivery Nos. 17 and 18, I beg to advise you that no coins from the deliveries named were received at this Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 5, 1918.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The letter authorizing the employment of Mr. Fred W. Frewing as a skilled workman at $4.00 per diem does not appear to be on file in the Bureau. Will you please forward a copy to complete our records.

Your letter enclosing the oath of Mr. Frewing, dated August 6th, is on file.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Sept. 10, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Please take steps to settle during the month of September, so far as practicable, all the unpaid encumbrances against your 1918 appropriations. The balances remaining to your credit under these appropriations should be repaid into the Treasury not later than September 30th. At the time of making repayment of balances please forward list of unpaid encumbrances, also advise me of any special adjustments necessary to bring the encumbrance account into harmony with the amount of payments plus unpaid liabilities.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Sept, 11, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sum as follows:

Freight on Bullion and Coin between Mints and Assay Offices, 1919 - $500

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 11, 1918.

Dear Mr. Annear:

I have your letter of the 7th enclosing two letters received by you from Mr. George F. Dayton, together with photographic copies of Treasury checks issued at the Helena Office.

It would appear that if a peremptory order is issued prohibiting the Acting Assayer in Charge from endorsing such checks, we might defeat the ends of those officials who are dealing with the case, and arouse suspicion.

I would suggest that Mr. Dayton take this matter up with Mr. Goodall officially, and cooperate with him in apprehending any dishonesty in connection with the deposits referred to. The Assayer in Charge at Helena would, I am sure, do everything in his power to assist the duly authorized officials to detect criminal proceedings in connection with the matter before us.

If you have further suggestions as to how this office might be of assistance I will be glad to have you advise me.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Thomas Annear,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

September 11, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding one copy of each of your 3 accounts current for the quarter ended June 30, 1918, also balance sheet as of June 30, 1918 carrying pencil notations. Please return corrected accounts current to conform with the pencil notations, the differences representing July transactions which were taken into the June accounts. Also please forward schedules or lists of the seigniorage deposits made during the June quarter to support the items carried in the ordinary account current.

No assay report or other voucher is found to support the values recovered in the Helena sweep bars $693.33.

There appears to be an uncorrected error of $30 on the abstract sheets in case of deposit #2001 made by IraCampell. The net value of his deposit according to computations and deposit certificate is $3.44, while the abstract sheet carries $33.44, which latter amount is carried into the account.

June voucher #36 for minor coinage copper, carries an allowance of $120 for difference between freight from Takoma as between destination of New York and destination of Denver. April voucher #29 carries deduction of $480 for freight on same quantity of copper supposedly from Takoma. The cost to the government for freight when shipped on government Bill of Lading is $250.73, see voucher #34, June. It, therefore, appears that by reason of the shipper paying the freight on this June shipment (voucher 36) the government lost approximately $110, being the amount of land grant involved. Please have future shipments made on government Bill of Lading whenever practicable.

Proposal of Hendre and Bolthoff, attached to May voucher #308 carries notation of discounts of 1% on certain items and 5% on other items for payment within ten days. Had advantage been taken of these discounts there would have been a saving to the government of almost $5.00. While it appears that delivery of all items included in this proposalwas not made at one time, payment could have been made for the items delivered within the discount period. Offered discount should be taken advantage of whenever practicable.

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Please advise me of the capacity in which Clarence Lewis signs for the Standard Glove Works, on April voucher #243.

Earnest Richardson, on payroll for the period May 13th to 27th inclusive, is credited with 5½ days pay while marginal note reads "dropped from roll May 22nd--4½ days without pay." As a Sunday intervenes in this period there is evidently a discrepancy of one days time.

Prompt return of corrected accounts current and such other information as is required, is requested.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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Sept. 17, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your report covering expenditures during the fiscal year 1918 from the appropriation "increase of Compensation, Treasury Department," does not carry the details required for report to Congress as per section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial appropriation act of March 3, 1917, as follows:

Number persons
Grades or character of positions
Original rates of compensation
Increased rates of compensation

Form in which such report should be rendered was forwarded to your office under date of June 20, 1917, it being part of Treasury Department circular #84, dated June 13, 1917.

Report was requested by this office under date of July 20, 1918, references being made therein to the letter of June 20, 1917.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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Sept. 17, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

As per your request of September 3rd for information concerning loss and gain in melting anodes at the New York Assay Office and San Francisco Mint during the fiscal year 1918, I beg to enclose a copy of the statement accompanying the settlement papers of the New York Assay Office giving the information requested.

I do not have the information requested pertaining to the San Francisco Mint but there is enclosed a copy of the statement of sources of gains and losses in the Melting & Refining Department, which may be of use to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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Sept. 28, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your accounts for the June quarter have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement. The special deposit account current and the ordinary account current have been corrected in this office to conform with the pencil notations carried on the copies of the accounts current sent you with letter of the 11th instant. The corrections are due to the item of $5,000 minor seigniorage on hand June 30th which was really held as a cash balance in the special deposit account - not a revenue item belonging to the ordinary account - because no other minor seigniorage had accumulated on July 1st, date this was placed in the special deposit checking account. If carried in the ordinary account current the amount should have been deposited in the Treasury as a revenue instead of in the special deposit checking account.

Relative to the $30 error in net value of deposit #2001 as shown on the abstract sheet, I have to advise that the abstract sheet shows clearly the amount of $33.44, although the total of the sheet does not include the $30.00, so that the error was not carried into the account current.

It is suggested with reference to transportation charges on minor coinage metal, that if the shipper does not use government bills of lading when they are forwarded to him, he and not the Government should pay the extra cost of transportation incident to the land grant feature.

Respectfully,

M. McRellq

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

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October 1, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 26th enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to you by the Superintendent of the Tonapah Placers Company, relative to the gold production.

The stimulation of the production of gold has been engaging the earnest attention of this department and we are glad to receive an expression of opinion from those interested in the subject.

No definite action has yet been taken by the Department in regard to the stimulation of the gold production.

Respectfully,

R. J Baker

Director of the Mint.

OR

O-L

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Oct. 1, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries, Mint at Denver
1919 $4,000

Wages of Workman, Mint at Denver - 1919 $7,500

Contingent Expense, Mint at Denver - 1919 $3,000

Increased Compensation, Treasury Department 1919 $500.

Respectfully,

N. McBride

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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Oct. 5, 1918.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 1st giving a list of the employees for whom you will request deferred classification.

As you are aware further action in regard to these men will necessarily be taken up with your local board.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Oct. 9, 1918.

Dear Mr. Annear:

I am enclosing your letter of October 5th asking for the increase of compensation of Miss Florence Heath.

Will you be so kind as to cause this letter to be sent to the Bureau in triplicate. I would not trouble you in regard to this matter and would make the copies were it not for the fact that we are required to send the original and duplicate to the Secretary's Office and retain the triplicate copy in this office. The Secretary's Office forwards the duplicate letter to the Civil Service Commission. I am submitting this explanation in order to make it clear that it is necessary for us to have all personnel letters in triplicate.

Upon receipt of your letter in triplicate your recommendation will be approved with pleasure and forwarded to the Secretary's Office for favorable action.

Respectfully,

N. McPaul

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Thomas Annear,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Recd Oct 10

Enc.
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Oct. 9, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge your letter of October 5th asking for detailed information in regard to the operations of the refineries in the Mint at San Francisco and the Assay Office at New York. Copy of your letter has been sent to each Superintendent and as soon as the information is received at this office it will be transmitted to you with pleasure.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Oct. 11, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter received from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia relative to his inability to undertake the building of coining presses for the Mint at Denver at this time.

It is suggested that you communicate with outside manufacturers with a view to obtaining estimates on the construction of the machines, and if this Bureau can assist you in this matter please advise us.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc.
O-L

Oct. 17, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 11th advising the Bureau of the death of Leslie D. Metcalf, a skilled workman in your coining department.

I am enclosing herewith Affidavit Relating to Representatives of Deceased Employees, and beg to advise you that this affidavit need not be executed if Letters of Administration or Letters Testamentary have been issued upon the estate of Mr. Metcalf.

Respectfully,

M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Enc.

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Oct. 17, 1918.

Dear Mr. Annear:

In the absence of the Director I have the privilege of acknowledging your letter of October 14th enclosing two copies of a list showing the subscriptions of the Denver Mint for the first, second, third and fourth Liberty Loans. Your letter together with the list will be placed on Mr. Baker's desk, and his attention invited to it upon his return early in November.

Mr. Baker intends to leave Lenox, Mass. (where he has been for the last week,) for Reno this evening.

Very sincerely yours,

M. McReilly

Hon. Thomas Annear,
Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

O.-L

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Oct. 19, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 16th returning letter from the Chairman of the United States Employees Compensation Commission.

Correspondence has been referred to Mrs. Axtell, Chairman of the Commission.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Oct. 21, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of October 18th and Bureau reply thereto in regard to temporary employ-ess and further to your letter of the same date which has just been received, I beg to advise you that the Secretary's office has advised this Bureau that you will be allowed to employ temporarily those who are needed to replace the regular employees absent on account of illness or for other causes during the prevailing epi-demic.

Please report the appointments in triplicate to the Bureau in the usual manner. It will not be nec-essary for you to await the formal approval. This au-thority extends only to the emergency conditions ex-isting at this time.

Respectfully,

M. McBirney

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Oct. 21, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir;

I have received a bill from the Denver Mint covering cost of 100 pounds lead disks evidently furnished to the Seattle Assay Office.

Please forward Seattle's order for these disks also their acknowledgment of having received them to support the account for the Auditor.

Respectfully.

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

October 22, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the Philadelphia Mint for six half dollar coin collars ordered for you Feb. 7, 1918, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1918 contingent appropriation in the sum of $23.99.

Respectfully,

N. McRilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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October 22, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding 3 bills of the Wells Fargo and Company for transportation on minor coins. They are payable from the minor coinage profits of your institution in the sums of $150.00, $150.00 and $300,00.

Respectfully,

M McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc.
F-L

October 28, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Coloredo.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 25th, advising the Bureau of the death of Mr. H. R. Whitehead, foreman of the refinery. In the absence of Mr. Baker from the city, may I express for him regret for the death of an efficient and very much respected officer of our service.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 31, 1918.

Dear Mr. Annear:

On August 10th the Secretary approved the decrease in the compensation of Mr. Edwin G. Smith, helper in your institution, from $4.00 per diem to $3.50, effective August 1st. Your payroll for the month of August carries him at his former rate of $4.00.

If you wish me to have the Secretary's letter revised to read "affective September 1st", it would be practical for the Bureau to have this change made if you wish it, rather than have Mr. Smith required to refund the difference in his August pay.

Respectfully,

M. McRelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. T. W. H. Annear,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

O-L

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November 1, 1918.

erintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

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Will you please advise me concerning the methods in vogue your institution in encumbering the contingent appropriation.

The highest encumbrance number reported against your 1918 tingent appropriation was 487 reported for the month of June, while penditure vouchers received subsequent to that date cary encumbrance bers as high as 498.

Particular attention is invited to your order of May 3, 1918, en Jonathan Bartley Crucible Company for graphite goods to the val- of about $11,000. This order bears the number, 1, although all er order numbers for the month of May are in the 400 series, the hest for the month being 432. A part of the goods included in this er #1 are carred on your voucher #407, charged to the 1918 conting- appropriation, the order number stated thereon being 495. The vou- r just mentioned carries all the items covered by this order #1, ept one, amounting to some $9,000, and which item is carried on vou- r #22 charged to your 1919 appropriation. The usual determining ture as to appropriation year chargeable with any particular expense the date on which the order is given; see regulations page 26. It oted, however, that if this entire order had been charged to your 8 appropriation, it would have resulted in a deficiency of approx- tely the amount that has been charged to the 1919 appropriation. splitting of an order between appropriations of two different years rather an extraordinary procedure and it is not likely that it would llowed by the Auditor. If it was the intent in ordering these goods they should be for the use of the fiscal year 1919, it is suggest- that you forward a statement in duplicate to that effect to be at- hed to the vouchers in question, in which case the Auditor will tless charge the amount of voucher #407 to your 1919 appropriation reimburse the 1918 appropriation.

When it is found that undelivered goods which have been or- ed will result in an unauthorized deficiency such orders should be celled, and if the goods are required they can be reordered later unds become available.

Please report to this office the 1918 encumbrances set up gment to July 1st, also such other information as will enable re- ciliation of the encumbrance account with the cash account.

Respectfully,

M. McReady

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 6, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries	$ 3,500
Wages of workmen	8,000
Contingent expense	3,500
Increased compensation	1,000
Total	$16,000

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F&L

November 9, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Please advise me if you have received the 100 asbestos mitts ordered for you by this office Feb. 20, 1918, and shipped by the Philadelphia Mint early in March 1918.

The Philadelphia Mint has rendered a bill for these mitts in the sum of $115.92, which will be charged to your 1918 Contingent Appropriation if they have been received by you.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

November 9, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In response to your request of November 5th, I beg to advise you that the record of Mr. Edwin C. Smith will be corrected to make his demotion effective September 1st.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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November 12, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

With reference to correspondence concerning encumbrances, and particularly the Bartley crucible order of May last, the following pertinent points in addition to those mentioned in my letter of the 1st inst. are brought to attention.

The data now available seems to indicate that this Bartley order was intended to apply to the Contingent Appropriation of the fiscal year 1918 and that a deficiency was created which was not brought to the attention of the Bureau. If this order was actually encumbered against the 1918 Contingent Appropriation at the time it was given, it was not so reported to the Bureau. The order evidently was not at any time wholly so encumbered as there has not been reported such a considerable deduction from the encumbrances as the amount charged to the 1919 appropriation, some $9,000.

The following quotation will show you that the suggested indulgence of the department would not insure settlement of the accounts as rendered, the Auditor not being subject to departmental control in the performance of his duties, such duties being quasi judicial. He cannot judicially decide that the same evidence means two opposite things.

"The authority conferred upon the accounting officers by law is not subject to control by the heads of departments. And in respect to quasi judicial duties like those of the accounting officers, the performance of a duty does not lie in its formal execution merely, but in the exercise of the determining judgment which shapes the final conclusion. 5 Comptroller 416."

If the matter should go to the Auditor in its present shape, he would probably disallow the $9,000 expended from your 1919 appropriation and might not certify it as chargeable to the year 1918, because no funds are available. Bringing

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the question before the Congress for a deficiency appropriation and explaining same, would, in view of the penalties provided for creation of deficiencies, be embarrasing, to say the least.

The splitting of an order between two appropriation years is not justifiable; it pertains either to one year or to the other. Conditions surrounding this transaction, and the fact that practically all, if not the entire bill of goods, will be used in the fiscal year 1919, seem to make it advisable that the entire order be charged to the appropriation for 1919.

If you do not make such a statement as was suggested in my letter of November 1st, - that it was the intent in ordering these goods that they should be for the use of the fiscal year 1919 - I know of no procedure other than for you to accept the results of such action as the Auditor might take on the evidence carried in the accounts. What his action will be cannot of course be accurately predicted, but as you are the one vitally interested in the matter the probabilities have been indicated above for your information.

If the Bureau had been consulted in advance concerning this matter it probably could have been settled in a more satisfactory manner.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

November 14, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of October 5th, asking for certain information from the Melting & Refining Department of the Assay Office at New York and the Mint at San Francisco, I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of a letter received from the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York, which was addressed to him by the Superintendent of his Melting & Refining Department covering your inquiries.

Your letter will be forwarded to the United States Mint at San Francisco with the request that similar information be supplied to you by the Superintendent of the Melting & Refining Department of that institution.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE. Washington, November 19, 1918.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Please arrange to coin quarters and nickels if necessary discontinuing halves and cents. Wire me how soon you can comply.

Baker

Director.

AL BUSINESS.
ERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2108

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November 20, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding a form showing the items pertaining to refinery operations which it is desired be reported at the close of the present fiscal year, in lieu of the items carried on form #900 for the refinery. The form is being forwarded at this time in order that you may have it in mind in connection with your operations during the remainder of the fiscal year; from the figures provided we should be able to determine net output of each refinery.

Please note that the receipts are placed in two divisions, one for the material not previously placed in the refinery processes and one for that previously placed therein; also note that provision is made for separate items covering the fine bullion used to aid refinery processes. In this connection wish to state I am informed that at the New York refinery it is not necessary to use any fine bullion for the purpose of aiding processes, as it would be practical to refine all below 992 without the aid of any 992 and above. Bullion 992 and over in fineness placed in their refinery is placed therein in order to produce bullion of higher grade for use in the arts; that 999 and over is treated only by fire process, the treatment being for the purpose of making it acceptable to the trade.

The totals carried on the right hand side should balance with those on the left hand side of the form.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-I.

November 20, 1918.

Dear Mr. Annear:

Your letter of the 14th reached me shortly after my return to Washington. I regret that I was unable to arrange a visit to Denver but demands upon my time in the west, and pressure of business awaiting me here, forced my hastening back.

I was particularly anxious to take up with you the matter of the refinery situation. I have given the subject considerable thought for I think the time opportune for making a careful adjustment of conditions there.

Your letter recommending that an examination be given for appointment to the position made vacant by the death of Mr. Whitehead is on my desk.

Before taking steps leading to the appointment of a superintendent of the refinery I have concluded that it would be advisable to share actively with you the responsibility of a general review of the methods employed, and the personnel upon which you are required to depend for support, in carrying on the difficult work of that particular department of the Mint. I have concluded that it would be of mutual benefit to us to have Mr. Wagor of the San Francisco Mint detailed to you for duty in connection with the re-organization of the refinery. I desire to have him spend a month with you, going into details, on an actual working basis, as to the system and methods employed in the Denver refinery. I wish him to bring to bear upon the situation his experience as superintendent of the refinery at San Francisco, and to demonstrate practices employed at his institution. There is no disposition to assume that all methods used in the refinery at San Francisco are an improvement on the Denver system, but there surely is necessity and reason for doing our best to avoid possibility of waste. I want to exhaust every means of protecting the Government against loss through defective operations, having in view your interests as Superintendent, as well as my own responsibility as Director.

As soon as I hear from you in regard to this plan I intend to ask the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco to spare Mr. Wagorfor a month. He will be instructed to place himself at your disposal, and I have, in turn, to ask for him the courtesy which I am sure will be willingly extended, in having the refinery, and the personnel of that department, placed at his command to the full extent of his desires for the purpose of making a complete review of the system employed, and of demonstrating any methods he regards as improvements over your practice. Mr. Wagor will be instructed further to cooperate fully with you personally in bringing about better conditions whereever possible.

I count with certainty now, as I have always done, upon your cordial support, basing my confidence in you upon the earnest assistance you have always given me in the administration of my duties as Director.

With the highest personal regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Thomas Annear,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

November 20, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your Contingent Appropriations in the amounts indicated;

Philadelphia Mint, 100 asbestos mitts ordered for you in February 1918, chargeable to your 1918 Contingent Appropriation.....$115.92

Philadelphia Mint, one cent coin collars ordered for you December 1, 1917, chargeable to your 1918 Contingent Appropriation in the sum of.....$55.62

Denver Rio Grande Railroad, transportation of envelopes from Rockville, Conn. July 17, 1918, chargeable to your 1919 Contingent Appropriation in the sum of .....$ 6.67

Atchison, Topeka & Sante Fe Railway Co., transportation of trucks from Cincinnati, Ohio, in July 1918, chargeable to your 1919 Contingent Appropriation in the sum of $22.07

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 21, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith find adding machine slip showing the figures reported to this Bureau covering encumbrances and payments in connection with your 1918 Contingent Appropriation. There appears to be an error of $36.00. Kindly advise me wherein our figures should be amended.

There is an error in your list of bills paid by the Bureau for the fiscal year 1918, in the amount of $55.50. This represents the bill of the Railroad Company for transportation of Mr. Annear to San Francisco and return, which bill was settled by the Auditor in the sum of $44.20; your list carries both items.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

W.T.

November 23, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith find one copy of your bullion account current for the quarter ended Sept. 30, 1918, carrying certain pencil notations. Please forward a corrected copy to conform therewith.

There are also enclosed July vouchers #1 and 402, for the signature of the Superintendent, and return.

Please forward July special assay report covering the $2.00 collected that month, also please forward schedule of advances outstanding on Sept. 30, 1918, $48.000.

But one copy of the special deposit account current was received with your regular returns. Please forward an additional copy.

Concerning the item of gold coin received for recoinage, I have to advise that it is correctly carried in the recoinage account in your return to this office, but that is is incorrectly carried as part of the bullion fund in your report to the Treasurer's Office. Please make transfer on your Treasurer's report between the two funds. When it becomes practical to melt this coin the recoinage value will be transfered to the bullion fund from the recoinage fund, and any differences between the transfer and recoinage value will be handled as follows:

If a gain it will be deposited in the Treasury as such.

If a loss, it should be reported on form 474B, copy enclosed, with request on the Treasurer for reimbursement.

Under decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury

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iated May 3, 1917, direction is given for reimbursement of all losses in recoinage of both light weight and uncurrent gold coin, from the appropriation for recoinage of gold coin. The details pertaining to each lot of coin received from the Treasury or Sub-Treasuries should, therefore, be reported separtely to the Treasurer on form 474B. Of course care should be taken in each instance to avoid unnecessary loss in melting of gold coin received for recoinage, particularly because the amount of the appropriation available for this purpose is not large.

The total of the melting column on bullion abstract sheet #1 September, is given as $66; this should be $65 the error apparently having occured because of an entry of $2.00 against deposit #362, instead of $1.00. The total of the alloy column is stated as $29.02 instead of $30.02. Please make adjustment of this difference of $1.00 between two columns in your accounts for the current quarter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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November 25, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I am pleased to learn from your letter of the 20th that the crucibles ordered in May from the Bartley Co. were intended for the use of the fiscal year 1919, instead of 1918 as the data available here prior to receipt of letter of the 20th seemed to indicate. In the absence of information to the contrary, order and delivery of goods prior to July 1st would, prima facie, indicate that the transaction properly pertained to the fiscal year then current.

Kindly forward signed statement, in duplicate, to the effect that they were ordered in advance, for use of the fiscal year 1919, owing to urgent need and necessary time for delivery; one copy will be attached to each voucher for the information of the auditor in making settlement of the accounts; this office cannot make the transfer between appropriations.

The "rules and regulations" brought to your attention in connection with this matter are those of the accounting officers of the Government, based upon the laws prescribed by the Congress, and are the Bureau's or Department's rules only in the sense that they conform thereto.

I agree that from the ordinary business viewpoint the use, for making part payment on these crucibles, of the $2,000 remaining to the credit of your 1918 appropriation was "good business"; but Congress and the accounting officers have prescribed methods which the executive officers must follow, even though, at times, they are not in accord with our business judgment.

It is the policy of this office to have Mint accounts in proper condition, so far as possible, to pass the Audit required by law, and thus protect our disbursing officers in the field.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 25, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Please advise me when we may expect to receive the annual cost report of the Denver Mint for the past fiscal year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

December 4, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries.....	$3,500
Wages of workmen.....	8,000
Contingent expense.....	5,000
Increased compensation.....	1,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

M.L.

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December 9, 1918.

Dear Mr. Annear:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 5th advising of the death of George B. Gray, a melter in the United States Mint at Denver. Your statement that Mr. Gray's record since his appointment Feb. 1906, has been that of a very faithful and efficient employee has been placed upon the records of this Bureau and the same information transmitted to the Office of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

Hon. Thomas Annear, Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

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December 10, 1918.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Following is copy of a letter addressed to you under date of October 21, 1918, to which no reply has as yet been received. Please give this your attention.

"I have received a bill from the Denver Mint covering cost of 100 pounds lead disks evidently furnished to the Seattle Assay Office.

Please forward Seattle's order for these disks also their acknowledgment of having received them, to support the account for the Auditor."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,
December 14, 1918.

United States Mint at Denver
" " " San Francisco
Charge, U. S. Assay Office at Salt Lake City
" " " " " Helena
" " " " " Deadwood
" " " " " Seattle
" " " " " Boise
" " Mint at Carson

Authorized to make payment on regularly approved pay
tiples five dollars salaries wages due to include twenty
e all who can be spared twelve o'clock Tuesday December
in same hour Tuesday December thirty first.

Baker

Director

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RY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR _____
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

December 17, 1918.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of December 13th, for the purpose of clearing the records of the Bureau, will you please advise me of the date upon which the appointment of Harry M. O'Connell as helper, was approved by the Secretary.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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